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## YOU DON'T SAY...

"If there were people who wanted to work seasonally, we'd hire them in a second over going through the H-2B program."

*Daniel Currin, president of Greenscape Services in Raleigh, on the expensive and bureaucratic hurdles employers who need to hire foreign workers can face.*

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## News Summary

### Worker Visas

International workers are the backbone of the Seaside Farm Market in the remote northern Outer Banks town of Corolla. Only 500 people live there, but up to 50,000 visit every week in the summer. But for the first time in 23 years, the family-owned produce and seafood market didn't open this summer. Owners Bill and Julie Grandy weren't able to get the H-2B visas they needed to bring in the workers from Mexico they've employed for years. They didn't get a single local applicant for jobs advertised at \$15 per hour, Bill Grandy said, calling Corolla a "black hole" for local labor. The husband and wife have both had to take other jobs.

H-2B visas are designed for businesses to fill seasonal non-agricultural jobs. In North Carolina, they're mainly used in the landscaping, tourism and seafood processing industries. North Carolina

uses more H-2B visas than any state besides Texas and Colorado, receiving 4,324 worker certifications in fiscal year 2017, according to data from the Office of Foreign Labor Certification. President Donald Trump campaigned on promises to protect American jobs and has pledged to reform the H-1B program, which brings skilled workers to the U.S. for up to six years. But he's remained mostly quiet regarding H-2B, which he's used to hire dozens of workers for his properties, including the Mar-a-Lago club in Florida, according to the New York Times.

Across the country, 66,000 H-2B visas are allotted per fiscal year: 33,000 for winter and 33,000 for summer. In the past, returning workers have been able to come back without being counted against the cap. But Congress hasn't renewed the returning worker exemption since it expired in September 2016. This year, the application process has been much more competitive.

Congress authorized the release of more visas in early May, and Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly announced on June 21 that he'd issue more visas to assist seasonal businesses that "would be severely harmed" if they don't get H-2B employees. The additional visas will be a short-term fix, U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., said in a statement. Tillis, who's lobbied for H-2B expansion, said he's concerned about the visas' timeline – Kelly said they won't be available until late July, when much of the summer tourism season will have passed.

Tillis' office said he's advocated for prioritizing returning workers because they've worked legally in the past and obeyed U.S. immigration laws. "American small businesses must have access to temporary, seasonal workers they need to sustain their businesses and support American jobs," Tillis said in a statement.(Taylor Blatchford, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 7/03/17).

### **Eugenics Compensation**

Relatives of victims of North Carolina's sterilization program that operated until the 1970s have decided not to appeal a ruling that prohibits them from inheriting compensation payments.

Attorney Elizabeth Haddix of the UNC Center for Civil Rights told the Winston-Salem Journal that the relatives have decided not to appeal a decision last month by the state Court of Appeals. The court ruled eugenics victims seeking compensation from the state had to be alive on June 30, 2013, for their heirs to qualify for payment. That date was set in the compensation law. About 7,600 people were sterilized under the program, which ended in 1974. At least 213 victims are considered to have qualified for compensation. They received two checks. A final payment is to be made after all appeals have been decided.(THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 7/02/17).

### **CMS Superintendent**

After three months of shadowing, studying and even mowing a school lawn, Clayton Wilcox raised his right hand Monday and became superintendent of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Wilcox, who was hired in December and has been working on a per-diem basis since March, thanked his predecessor, Ann Clark, and the school board for helping him learn more about the nation's 18th-largest district before stepping into the job that puts him in charge of more than 19,000 employees charged with educating almost 150,000 kids.

Shortly after the swearing-in, Wilcox took his seat at the dais and the board approved contracts for several members of his top staff, most of them renewals for current executives. The Observer has requested the details, including salaries. Wilcox said afterward he won't name a deputy superintendent right away, but Chief Academic Officer Brian Schultz will "continue to lead in the able capacity he has." He said he'll monitor Schultz's performance and decide later whether the deputy superintendent job needs to be funded and filled.

The board also approved hiring Jody Francisco, the husband of Wilcox's Chief of Staff Laura Francisco, for an \$85,000-a-year job as community engagement manager. Laura Francisco worked with Wilcox in his previous job in Hagerstown, Md., and followed him to CMS, where she earns \$175,000. Jody Francisco won't report to his wife, but board policy requires the board to sign off on hiring family members of top staff.

The swearing-in, at a special board meeting on a Monday morning between a weekend and a holiday, drew only a handful of spectators. Among them were state Reps. Bill Brawley, R-Mecklenburg, and Craig Horn, R-Union, who is chair of the House's K-12 education committee.(Ann Doss Helms, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 7/03/17).

The typical 35-minute drive from uptown Charlotte to Mooresville has turned into a blood pressure-raising 1 to 2 hours because of nightly work on both ends for toll lanes. All 26-miles of the project are under construction, I-77 Mobility Partners said in a project update on Monday. The update makes no mention of how long drivers are stuck in traffic as multiple lanes are scrunched into one along southern and northern stretches of the project. But drivers have reported to the Observer sitting in traffic as long as two hours late at night and early in the morning each week night. Near uptown Charlotte, drivers get stuck in bottlenecks because of a detour between the Interstate 85/I-77 interchange and the Brookshire Freeway-I-277/I-77 interchange. The detour lets crews continue work on the Oaklawn Avenue bridge and LaSalle Street bridge, according to I-77 Mobility Partners, a subsidiary of Spain-based general contractor Cintra.(Joe Marusak, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 7/03/17).

## **Deaths**

John Nichols, a former member of the N.C. House of Representatives, died at his Vanceboro home on Sunday after a long illness. He was 72. Nichols, also known as "Johnny Mack," was elected to the General Assembly in 1992 and served for six years, according to his obituary. During that time Nichols, a Republican, was chairman of the House committee on the environment.

He also pushed legislation that required state university football teams play games with other in-state teams in an effort to get East Carolina University back on North Carolina and N.C. State's schedules. The legislation ended a nearly decade-long drought between the Wolfpack and the Pirates and an even longer one between the Tar Heels and their eastern neighbors.

Nichols, of Farmville, was a U.S. Air Force Veteran and served during the Vietnam War. He graduated with a business degree from EC University in 1971 and went on to a career as a banker at BB&T, Cameron Brown and First Union before starting his own businesses, including hog farming. His funeral is 11 a.m. Thursday at Wilkerson Funeral Home in Greenville. Burial will be in the Nichols Family Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.(Abbie Bennett, THE NEWS & OBSERVER, 7/04/17).

## **Gubernatorial Retreats**

Most governors couldn't get caught in a brouhaha like the one surrounding New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, because his state is one of only a handful with a state-owned vacation home for its chief executive. Christie was criticized for sunning himself with his family at Island Beach State Park, which was closed to the public because he initiated a government shutdown. Christie, a Republican, defended his use of the beach, saying he had previously announced his vacation plans and the media had simply "caught a politician keeping his word." He says he wasn't using any additional state services this weekend beyond the governor's Ocean House, a five-bedroom, three-bathroom home hidden behind greenery along the park's main road.

In North Carolina, governors wanting a getaway have one waiting about 250 miles west of the state capital in Raleigh, a 6,000-square-foot, contemporary split-level home on a mountain overlooking Asheville and other Appalachian peaks. The home and the 18-acre grounds complete with roaming bears and outdoor terraces were donated to the state in 1964 by Asheville's chamber of commerce. A nonprofit group rents out the house and grounds to dozens of civic organizations through the year, generating income that leaves taxpayers responsible for about half the \$15,500 annual maintenance costs. Gov. Roy Cooper and his family are staying at the western mansion through the Fourth of July, a spokesman said Monday. His wife visited with staff in March and June while attending official events.(THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 7/04/17).

## **Algae Threat**

Officials from the N.C. Division of Water Resources warned people in late last week to stay away from algae that accumulated in Waterville and Fontana lakes. According to the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, the "blue-green" algae, can affect the kidneys, gastrointestinal tract, liver and nervous system of people, pets, livestock and other animals. Children and dogs are at a higher risk, the department said. According to a press release sent by the department, no one has reported any health concerns as a result of the algae.

In a 2014 report, the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services said there have been no documented cases of anyone getting sick from blue-green algae. The concentration of algae

spotted forming in the Tuckasegee arm of Fontana lake was low, the release said. The Waterville Lake algae were spotted on the eastern end of the lake and pose a "low risk of adverse health effects." Officials said it is still safe to fish or boat in these areas just as long as people and animals avoid contact with the algae.

Officials said humans and animals should wash any parts of their body that come in contact with the algae thoroughly and seek medical attention if they become ill. An algae bloom occurs when alga multiply rapidly, which can cause water to change color. The blooms occur when the water is warm and there is a large availability of nutrients. Most algae are considered beneficial to an aquatic environment.(Arijit Sen, THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, 7/03/17).

### **Outer Banks Bridge**

North Carolina has gone to court to condemn property it wants to use for a bridge that would make it easier to get to the northern Outer Banks. The Daily Advance of Elizabeth City reports the state Transportation Department wants the property located off N.C. Highway 12 for the Mid-Currituck Bridge. Drivers would pay a toll to cross the bridge, which would connect the Currituck mainland with the county's Outer Banks. DOT filed a condemnation complaint last month, citing a public need for the property on the Corolla side of the proposed bridge. Prem Gupta is the agent for CS Land Holding and the chief financial officer for SAGA Construction, which he says own the property. He declined to say how much DOT offered but says the two companies disagree with it.(THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 7/02/17).

### **Campus Speech**

In the same week that the state Legislature sent a bill to Gov. Roy Cooper to "restore and preserve free speech" on the state's public university campuses, East Carolina University received a top rating for protecting free speech on its campus. Officials said ECU has earned a "green light" rating from the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education after changing four campus policies "to meet First Amendment standards."

The group also helped state legislative leaders craft House Bill 527, which requires the University of North Carolina Board of Governors to adopt a uniform speech policy for all campuses in the UNC system. The bill is intended to prevent universities and campus groups from policies and actions that deter free speech. HB 527, written by Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Forest, also directs the Board of Governors to form a Committee on Free Expression. That body would enforce the speech policy across all UNC campuses.(Michael Abramowitz, THE (Greenville) DAILY REFLECTOR, 7/04/17).

### **Campaign Finances**

Republican Kenny Smith has raised \$260,000 so far in his bid for mayor of Charlotte, slightly more than two of the main Democratic candidates. Democratic Sen. Joel Ford said Monday he raised \$205,000 through the end of June. Mayor Pro Tem Vi Lyles said Saturday that she's raised \$215,000. Mayor Jennifer Roberts' campaign declined to release her fundraising total.

The totals reflect fundraising through June 30. The reports aren't due to be made public until July 21. The fundraising signals what could be one of Charlotte's most expensive mayoral races. In 2015, Roberts and three Democratic rivals, along with two Republican candidates, together raised \$1.3 million going into the September primary.

Smith said he'll report \$307,000 in cash on hand at the end of June. Unlike the Democrats, he's not expected to have to spend it in a primary. "We're very excited about the state of the race," Smith said. He added that he's running on a platform of public safety, jobs, infrastructure and "moving away from inserting every divisive national issue into local government."

In an email announcing his total, Ford said now that the legislative session is over, he's ready to spend even more time on his campaign. "Our contributors reflect the diversity of our city," he said in the email, "with CEOs from Fortune 500 companies, small-business owners, teachers and retirees contributing to our campaign. Now (that) the State Legislature has adjourned, I can focus my full time and attention to raising the campaign dollars... (to take) our campaign to the voters." Ford also has the support of a super-PAC affiliated with the N.C. Association of Realtors and a so-called social welfare group called Queen City Leadership. Unlike the PAC, that group does not have to disclose donors. A similar group, Forward Charlotte, is run by a Republican strategist. In 2015, Roberts had raised \$302,000 over the same period. Incumbent Dan Clodfelter had raised

\$183,000. In 2009, Republican John Lassiter had raised \$311,000 at the end of June compared to Democrat Anthony Foxx's \$250,000. Foxx went on to defeat Lassiter.(Jim Morrill, THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER, 7/03/17).

### **Innocence Hearing**

A man serving life in prison for killing a college student in North Carolina will be back in court in September with his fate in the hands of a judge. Superior Court Judge David Lee set a Sept. 25 date for a hearing to decide whether he should overturn Mark Carver's convictions after hearing sometimes heated arguments over evidence in a Gaston County courtroom on Monday.

Prosecutors maintain that DNA evidence proves Carver strangled UNC Charlotte student Irina Yarmolenko in 2008, leaving her body near her car on the banks of the Catawba River. But Carver's lawyers said more advanced tests show the DNA found in a mixture of genetic material on Yarmolenko's car can't be definitely connected to Carver, and the state's crime lab intentionally chose not to use the new tests before his 2011 trial.

"At a minimum, Mark Carver deserves a new trial," said Chris Mumma, executive director of the North Carolina Center for Actual Innocence. "Most appropriate for justice, in my mind is that the charges should be dropped." Prosecutor Locke Bell, who tried Carver's case six years ago, said he looks forward to September when he can argue his case before the judge instead of reporters.(THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 7/04/17).

### **Start-Up Environment**

The combination of a solid labor market, good quality of life and low corporate taxes pushed North Carolina to the top of a national list of best places to start a business. The report by FitSmallBusiness.com, released last week, joins a cottage industry of business climate studies. Some studies consistently rank North Carolina in the top five in spite of the lingering shadow from repealed transgender restroom legislation House Bill 2, while other studies have moved the state toward the middle of the pack. For the FitSmallBusiness study, North Carolina rose to the top because "it dominated the two categories that we consider most important to starting a business: labor market and taxes." The rest of the top five states are Utah, Texas, Indiana and Montana. "Choosing the right state to start your business might mean the difference between success and failure," FitSmallBusiness.com said. "This is because different states have vastly different tax environments, labor pools, costs of living and more."(Richard Craver, WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL, 7/04/17).

### **I-40 Lanes**

An updated highway construction plan calls for widening Interstate 40 to at least six lanes between Winston-Salem and Guilford County, as well as widening a section of Business 40 to six lanes in eastern Forsyth County, N.C. Department of Transportation officials said. The plan, an update to the Draft 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program, would also move up the timetable for construction on some of the western segments of the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway, highway officials said.

Construction on the I-40 widening would begin in 2026 and would provide the freeway with at least six lanes from the U.S. 311 interchange on the east side of Winston-Salem to the point where I-40 and Business 40 split in western Guilford County. Work would be done in 2026-27 on the part between U.S. 311 and N.C. 66 in Kernersville. The remainder would take place in later years. Whether the widening is to six or eight lanes will depend on traffic projections that have not yet been made, said Pat Ivey, the division engineer for the Division 9, the state highway division that includes Forsyth County.(Wesley Young, WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL, 7/04/17).

### **I-87 Work**

North Carolina announced upgrades to U.S. 17 from Elizabeth City to the Virginia line, a major step in establishing Interstate 87 from Raleigh to Norfolk. The state released a draft of its 10-year transportation improvement plan last week. It includes improving 13 miles of U.S. 17 north of Elizabeth City at a cost of \$186.6 million. The highway already has multiple lanes, but traffic lights and intersections would have to be removed or reconfigured. A bypass around Elizabeth City meets interstate standards. The proposed I-87 in North Carolina would run approximately 180

miles and cost roughly \$1 billion, connecting Raleigh to Norfolk through U.S. 64 and U.S. 17. An interstate would increase commerce and tourism through northeastern North Carolina, said Rep. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan. "I believe it will happen in seven or eight years," he said of the Elizabeth City-to-Virginia project.(Jeff Hampton, THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT, 7/03/17).

### **FairPoint Merger**

Illinois-based Consolidated Communications and North Carolina-based FairPoint have closed on a deal that created a telecommunications company operating in 24 states, including Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Shareholders approved the merger on March 28 and financing has been in place since December. All states have provided regulatory approval, as well. Consolidated closed the \$1.3 billion deal on Monday. Consolidated President and CEO Bob Udell says the company will be well positioned to expand services and attract new customers while maintaining local community support. The company says the deal makes Consolidated the ninth largest fiber optic communications provider in the United States.(THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, 7/04/17).

### **Medical Marijuana**

The leader of Western North Carolina's biggest hospital system issued a public statement detailing pros and cons of medical marijuana, but declined to take a stance on the legalization of cannabis for medical use. The statement by Mission Health CEO Ron Paulus differs some from accounts by elected officials who said Paulus in a Feb. 24 private meeting advocated for the use of marijuana as a replacement for opioids.

The health system CEO's four-page and nuanced statement Sunday came five days after City Councilman Cecil Bothwell told supporters of legalizing marijuana for medical use that Paulus had suggested cannabis as an alternative painkiller. A Mission spokeswoman said Paulus didn't advocate for legalization. In Paulus' Sunday statement, the CEO, who is also a doctor, said framing medical marijuana as either a "boogeyman" or a "perfectly safe panacea" was nonsensical.(Joel Burgess, ASHEVILLE CITIZEN-TIMES, 7/03/17).

### **Health Care Popularity**

When Senate Republicans return to the U.S. Capitol next week, their top priority will be passing their version of a now-stalled health care repeal-and-replace bill. But the Better Care Reconciliation Act is not that popular among North Carolinians, according to a new poll from Public Policy Polling. Just 33 percent said they approve of the Senate bill, while 53 percent said they disapprove of the measure. The group Save My Care is promoting the results as part of its campaign against the health care bills in Congress.

The Senate proposal would make changes to the Affordable Care Act, known as Obamacare. It would end the mandate for people to buy insurance, eliminate many of the taxes imposed by the ACA and dramatically cut Medicaid spending in future years. The bill would lead to 22 million more uninsured Americans by 2026, the Congressional Budget Office estimates -- including 1.3 million in North Carolina, according to the Center for American Progress.

Public Policy Polling, a Democratic polling group that earned praise for its accuracy after the 2012 election, is based in Raleigh. The PPP poll also found:

- 80 percent of North Carolinians believe health care is "the most important issue" or a "very important issue" in the 2018 election.
- More people disapprove than approve of Sen. Thom Tillis's job performance, with 29 percent approving of the first-term Republican's job and 47 percent disapproving. Tillis trails a generic Democratic opponent 48 percent to 44 percent. Tillis won his seat in 2014, defeating incumbent Kay Hagan 49 percent to 47.3 percent.
- Nearly one half of voters (48 percent) said if Tillis voted for the Senate health care bill it would make them less likely to vote for him in 2020. Twenty-eight percent of those polled said a 'yes' vote would make them more likely to vote for Tillis.

Tillis has yet to take an official position on the bill, though last week he said he was in favor of tweaks to the bill to get more Republican support. "I'm supportive of anything right now to get to 51 votes," Tillis said when asked Thursday about keeping the Affordable Care Act's investment tax

on high earners in a possible revised bill. Sen. Richard Burr, a Republican from Winston-Salem, won re-election in 2016. Burr issued a statement touting the benefits of the Better Care Reconciliation Act to North Carolina.

The poll was conducted on June 30 and July 1 and surveyed 1,102 North Carolina voters. Among those surveyed, 48 percent voted for President Donald Trump in 2016 while 45 percent voted for Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton. Trump won the state with 49.8 percent of the vote. The poll found 50 percent of voters disapprove of Trump's job performance and 46 percent approve. PPP also polled voters in Colorado and Iowa, states that also have a first-term Republican senator elected in 2014. The bill fared worse in those states, with 26 percent approving of the bill in Colorado and 27 percent approving in Iowa.(Brian Murphy, McClatchy D.C., 7/03/17).

### **Hospital Settlement**

A Charlotte hospital system has agreed to settle a lawsuit over improper billing for urine tests. U.S. Attorney Jill Rose told local media that Carolinas Healthcare System in Charlotte has agreed to pay \$6.5 million to settle a lawsuit over billing practices brought by former lab director Mark McGuire. Rose said prosecutors found the hospital had used the wrong billing code for urine drug tests to get higher payments than the hospital should have received. McGuire said the hospital improperly coded the tests between 2011 and 2015. The hospital received about \$80 per test more than it should have. He said he tried to warn hospital officials about the improper coding. McGuire will get about \$1.4 million under the whistleblower lawsuit settlement. The hospital said it cooperated in the investigation.(The Associated Press, 7/03/17).

### **Hospital Takeover**

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center said Monday it has officially taken over operations of the community hospital in North Wilkesboro. The health care system signed a 30-year lease Saturday to run Wilkes Medical Center. It has agreed to spend \$238 million on capital investments in the hospital. The hospital becomes the third community hospital affiliated with Wake Forest Baptist, along with Davie and Lexington medical centers. The town will continue to own the hospital.(Richard Craver, WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL, 7/03/17).

## **Legislative Studies and Meetings**

Items in **Bold** are new listings.

**LB:** Legislative Building

**LOB:** Legislative Office Building.

More Information: <http://ncleg.net/LegislativeCalendar/>

### **Thursday, Aug. 3**

- Noon | House convenes in session.
- Noon | Senate convenes in session.

## **N.C. Government Meetings and Hearings**

Items in **BOLD** are new listings.

### **Wednesday, July 5**

- 9 a.m. | The N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission hold public hearing on proposed rule changes, 537 North Blount St., Raleigh.
- **7 p.m. | The state Board of Opticians meets via conference call. Originating at 3809 Computer Dr., Suite 102, Raleigh. Contact: [919-420-1390](tel:919-420-1390).**

### **Thursday, July 6**

- **9 a.m. | The Economic Investment Committee meets, N.C. Commerce Executive Board Room located on the fourth floor, 301 N. Wilmington St., Raleigh.**
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- **9 a.m. | The N.C. Board of Funeral Service Technology Committee meets, 1033 Wade Avenue, Suite 108, Raleigh.**
- **10 a.m. | The NC Alarm Systems Licensing Board meets via conference call. The meeting originates at 3301 Industrial Drive - Suite 104, Raleigh. Contact: [Michelle.Moore@ncdps.gov](mailto:Michelle.Moore@ncdps.gov). To join meeting: [415-655-0002](tel:415-655-0002) Access code 733 586 585.**

#### **Monday, July 10**

- **3 p.m. | The UNC Campus Security Committee: Subcommittee on Training Guidance meets, Conference Room C, Spangler Building, Chapel Hill. Contact: Josh Ellis, [919-962-4629](tel:919-962-4629).**

#### **Tuesday, July 11**

- **8 a.m. | The NC Board of Funeral Service Traineeship Committee meets, 1033 Wade Avenue, Suite 108, Raleigh.**
- **8:30 a.m. | The state Board of Examiners of Plumbing, Heating & Fire Sprinkler Contractors Formal Hearing meets, 1109 Dresser Ct., Board Room, Raleigh.**
- **CANCELLED - 8:30 a.m. | The Fund Development and Communications Committee of The North Carolina Partnership for Children, Inc. meets, 1100 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh. Contact: Yvonne Huntley, [919-821-9573](tel:919-821-9573).**
- **9 a.m. | The N.C. Commission for Public Health hold public hearing on proposed rule changes, Cardinal Room, 5605 Six Forks Road, Raleigh.**
- **9 a.m. | The N.C. Council of State meets, Commission Room 5034, Fifth floor of the Administration Building, 116 West Jones St., Raleigh.**
- **9 a.m. | The N.C. Board of Pharmacy meets, 6015 Farrington Road, Board Room Suite 201, Chapel Hill.**
- **9 a.m. | The state Board of Funeral Service meets, 1033 Wade Avenue, Suite 108, Raleigh.**
- **10 a.m. | The N.C. Coastal Resources Commission Variance meets (if necessary), DCM Regional Offices, Wilmington.**
- **11 a.m. | The UNC Campus Security Committee: Subcommittee on Data Collection Protocol meets, Conference Room B, Spangler Building, Chapel Hill. Contact: Josh Ellis, [919-962-4629](tel:919-962-4629).**
- **2:30 p.m. | The N.C. Local Government Commission meets, 3200 Atlantic Ave., Longleaf Building, Raleigh.**

#### **Wednesday, July 12**

- **9 a.m. | The state Consumer and Family Advisory Committee of DHHS meets, Biggs Dr., Raleigh.**
- **9 a.m. | Environmental Management Commission meets, Ground Floor Hearing Room, Archdale Building, 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh.**
- **12 p.m. | The UNC Campus Security Committee: Subcommittee on Security Training Conference meets, Conference Room B, Spangler Building, Chapel Hill. Contact: Josh Ellis, [919-962-4629](tel:919-962-4629).**

#### **Thursday, July 13**

- **9 a.m. | Environmental Management Commission meets, Ground Floor Hearing Room, Archdale Building, 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh.**

## **Friday, July 14**

- 9 a.m. | The N.C. Board of Architecture hold public hearing on proposed rule changes, 127 W. Hargett St., #304, Raleigh.

## **Monday, July 17**

- 11 a.m. | The Executive Committee of The North Carolina Partnership for Children meets, 1100 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh. Contact: Yvonne Huntley, [919-821-9573](tel:919-821-9573).

## **Tuesday, July 18**

- 1:30 p.m. | The Accountability Committee of The North Carolina Partnership for Children meets, 1100 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh. Contact: Yvonne Huntley, [919-821-9573](tel:919-821-9573).

## **Thursday, July 20**

- 10 a.m. | The N.C. Rules Review Commission meets, Administrative Hearings office, Rules Review Commission Room, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

## **Tuesday, July 25**

- 9 a.m. | The N.C. Code Officials Qualification Board holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, 1st Floor Hearing Room, Room 131 (Albemarle Building), 325 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh.
- 1 p.m. | The Board Development Committee of The North Carolina Partnership for Children meets, 1100 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh. Contact: Yvonne Huntley, [919-821-9573](tel:919-821-9573).

## **Thursday, July 27**

- **9 a.m. | The NC Wildlife Resources Commission meets, WRC Centennial Campus, 1751 Varsity Dr., Raleigh.**

## **Monday, July 31**

- 12 p.m. | The N.C. State Board of Elections hold public hearing on proposed rule changes, State Board of Elections Office, 441 N. Harrington St., Raleigh.

## **Thursday, Aug. 3**

- TBD | The Golden LEAF Foundation's board meets, TBD. Contact: Jenny Tinklepaugh, [888-684-8404](tel:888-684-8404).

## **Wednesday, Aug. 16**

- 10:30 a.m. | The Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission holds public hearing on proposed rule changes, Wake Technical Community College-Public Safety Training Center, 321 Chapanoke Road, Raleigh.

## **Thursday, Aug. 17**

- 10 a.m. | The N.C. Rules Review Commission meets, Administrative Hearings office, Rules Review Commission Room, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

## **Wednesday, Sept. 13**

- 9 a.m. | Environmental Management Commission meets, Ground Floor Hearing Room, Archdale Building, 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh.

## **Thursday, Sept. 14**

- 9 a.m. | Environmental Management Commission meets, Ground Floor Hearing Room, Archdale Building, 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh.

## **Thursday, Sept. 21**

- 10 a.m. | The N.C. Rules Review Commission meets, Administrative Hearings office, Rules Review Commission Room, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

## **Thursday, Sept. 28**

- 10:30 a.m. | The Standard Commercial Fishing License Eligibility Board to the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries meets, N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries' Wilmington District Office, 127 North Cardinal Dr. Extension, Wilmington.

## **Thursday, Oct. 5**

- TBD | The Golden LEAF Foundation's board meets, TBD. Contact: Jenny Tinklepaugh, [888-684-8404](tel:888-684-8404).
- TBD | The NC Wildlife Resources Commission meets, WRC Centennial Campus, 1751 Varsity Dr., Raleigh.

## **Thursday, Oct. 19**

- 10 a.m. | The N.C. Rules Review Commission meets, Administrative Hearings office, Rules Review Commission Room, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

## **Wednesday, Nov. 8**

- 9 a.m. | Environmental Management Commission meets, Ground Floor Hearing Room, Archdale Building, 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh.

## **Thursday, Nov. 9**

- 9 a.m. | Environmental Management Commission meets, Ground Floor Hearing Room, Archdale Building, 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh.

## **Thursday, Nov. 16**

- 10 a.m. | The N.C. Rules Review Commission meets, Administrative Hearings office, Rules Review Commission Room, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

## **Thursday, Dec. 7**

- TBD | The Golden LEAF Foundation's board meets, TBD. Contact: Jenny Tinklepaugh, [888-684-8404](tel:888-684-8404).
- TBD | The NC Wildlife Resources Commission meets, 1751 Varsity Dr., Raleigh.

### **Thursday, Dec. 21**

- 10 a.m. | The N.C. Rules Review Commission meets, Administrative Hearings office, Rules Review Commission Room, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh.

### **Wednesday, Jan. 10**

- 9 a.m. | Environmental Management Commission meets, Ground Floor Hearing Room, Archdale Building, 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh.

### **Thursday, Jan. 11**

- 9 a.m. | Environmental Management Commission meets, Ground Floor Hearing Room, Archdale Building, 512 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh.

## **N.C. Dept. of Environmental Quality**

The N.C. Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources has a new name - the N.C. Dept. of Environmental Quality. More Information: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/guest/home>

### **Tuesday, July 18**

- 6 p.m. | **The N.C. Division of Water Resources hold public meeting on Atlantic Coast Pipeline Water Quality Certification, Fayetteville Technical Community College Cumberland Hall Auditorium at 2201 Hull Rd., Fayetteville.**

### **Thursday, July 20**

- 6 p.m. | **The N.C. Division of Water Resources hold public meeting on Atlantic Coast Pipeline Water Quality Certification, Nash Community College Brown Auditorium at 522 N. Old Carriage Road, Rocky Mount.**

### **Thursday, Aug. 3**

- 2 p.m. | **The state Department on Air Quality holds public hearing concerning incorporation of 2015 Ozone Ambient Standard and Readoption, 2145 Suttle Ave., Charlotte.**

## **N.C. Utilities Commission Hearing Schedule**

Dobbs Building  
430 North Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina

More Information: <http://www.ncuc.commerce.state.nc.us/activities/activit.htm>

### **Monday, July 10**

- Staff Conference

### **Tuesday, July 11**

- 9:30 a.m. | T-4635 Sub 0 ...Application For Certificate of Exemption to Transport Household Goods, Dobbs - Commission Hearing Room, 2nd floor, Room 2115.

## **Monday, July 17**

- Staff Conference

## **Monday, July 24**

- Staff Conference

## **Monday, July 31**

- Staff Conference

## **UNC Board of Governors**

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Board Room of the UNC Center for School Leadership Development  
140 Friday Center Drive, Chapel Hill (**remote meeting locations in BOLD**)  
More Information: <https://www.northcarolina.edu/bog/schedule.php>

## **Friday, July 14**

- TBA | UNC Asheville, Asheville.

## **Friday, Sept. 8**

- TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, C.S.L.D. Building, Chapel Hill.

## **Friday, Nov. 3**

- TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, C.S.L.D. Building, Chapel Hill.

## **Friday, Dec. 15**

- TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, C.S.L.D. Building, Chapel Hill.

## **Friday, Jan. 26, 2018**

- TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, C.S.L.D. Building, Chapel Hill.

## **Friday, March 23, 2018**

- TBA | UNC Wilmington, Wilmington.

## **Friday, May 25, 2018**

- TBA | The UNC Board of Governors, C.S.L.D. Building, Chapel Hill.

## **Other Meetings and Events of Interest**

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Items in **BOLD** are new listings.

## **Sunday, July 30**

- TBD | The NC Bankers Association host 81st Annual NC School of Banking, William & Ida Friday Center, UNC-Chapel Hill. The conference concludes on Aug. 4.

### **Friday, Sept. 8**

- No Time Given | The 77th Annual National Folk Festival opens in Downtown Greensboro for its third year in the state. Contact: Kaitlin Smith, [336-373-7523, ext 246](tel:336-373-7523).

### **Sunday, Sept. 24**

- TBD | The NC Bankers Association hold Young Bankers Conference, Crowne Plaza Asheville Resort, Asheville.

### **Wednesday, Oct. 11**

- **10 a.m. | The Carolinas Air Pollution Control Association hold Technical Workshop and Forum, Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort, 10000 Beach Club Dr., Myrtle Beach.**

### **Monday, Nov. 6**

- TBD | The NC Bankers Association hold Women in Banking Conference, Renaissance Charlotte Southpark, 5501 Carnegie Blvd., Charlotte.

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